President's reply.—The subject you have spoken about was urged at the last session of the Assembly. New roads, jetties and ghats within municipal limits should be taken up by the respective Municipal Councils. The Municipality should submit schemes and, if it is not able to finance the works itself, it may start correspondence with the Government with a view to arrive at an understanding as to the proportion of the cost to be borne by either. It is only when sufficient money is not forthcoming for the purpose from municipal funds that the Government should be approched.

As regards the construction of jetties, since they are within municipal limits, the subject should be moved first in the Municipal Council and a resolution of that body should be forwarded to the Government.

Similarly, the metalling of the Idanazhi road has also to be considered in the first instance by the Municipal Council.

60. Opening of the Avanisvaram—Anchal road.

Mr. Krishnaru Damodararu (Member, Kottarakara taluk) represented that the eastern portions of the Kottarakara taluk suffered badly from lack of means of communication and that a road from Avanisvaram to Anchal was a great necessity. He said that there was no direct access to the villages beyond Vettikkavala. The people in the western *pakuthies* got their supply of paddy from the eastern parts and owing to the absence of a good road in those parts the cost of paddy was getting prohibitive. He had brought to the notice of the Government the crying need of the above road on several previous occasions and the Government had already sanctioned the work; but nothing had been done to give practical effect to that sanction. He requested that the work might be taken up at once.

President's reply.—As you have said, the opening of a road from Avanisvaram to Anchal is reported to be necessary. Provision will be made for the work in the next year's budget.

61. Facilities for communication in the Kartikapalli taluk.

Mr. V. Ramakrishna Panikkar (Member, Kartikapalli taluk) first stated that there was a proposal among the members to celebrate the Twentieth Assembly Day in a fitting manner and that he expressed the hope that the Government would co-operate with the organisers and lend them every help to make the function a success. He then congratulated the Officer in charge of the Administration for the rare privilege of being called upon to conduct the deliberations of the Assembly.

Coming to the subject of his representation, the Member said that his taluk—Kartikapalli—was one of the most important in point of revenue and population, but that it suffered from lack of good means of communication. Though Government had often given favourable replies to representations on the subject at previous sessions of the Assembly, nothing had yet been done to effect any improvement in that direction. He did not want any new works for his taluk; he only prayed for the improvement of the existing roads and canals.

The following works were referred to by the Member:—

(1) *Tottapalli road.*—That was a section of the Alleppey-Quilon road. He heard that that work had to be stopped last year, as the funds allotted for the same had been diverted for some other work. He wished to see that the work was completed at least during the current year.

(2) *Kartikapalli-Trikunnappuzha road.*—He said that, if that road was constructed, the isolated nature of his taluk would be a thing of the past. The road was only two miles long. It had to be gravelled, and a bridge and three culverts had to be provided.

(3) *Nangiarkulangara-Kayankulam road.*—That was a short cut from Haripad to Kayankulam. He learnt that provision had been made for the work in the current year's budget. He only prayed that the amount might not be diverted for other works and that the work might be completed as soon as possible.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

(4) *Haripad-Ilanjiyil road.*—The Member prayed that arrangements might be made for the improvement of that road.

(5) *Danappadi canal.*—He said that that was the most important of the canals of the taluk. It got dried up during dry weather. The people were cutting portions of that canal. The amount spent on the maintenance of the canal was being now wasted, and the Member prayed that some permanent improvements might be done to the same so as to increase its usefulness.

(6) *Kudilil canal.*—He prayed that that canal might be connected with the Danappadi canal and that two foot-bridges and a small bridge where it crossed the main road might be provided.

(7) *Mundattinkara canal.*—The Member said that that canal was useful both for irrigation and travel. A portion of the canal had to be opened by acquiring some *kuthakapattam* lands. Though the matter had long engaged the attention of the Government, nothing had been done in the matter so far.

Lastly, the Member prayed that an approach road might be constructed from the Nangiarkulangara road to the Kanakakunnu village on the shore of the backwater. He pointed out that the village had a thriving market and that the place was growing in importance.

President's reply.—For the Haripad-Ampalapuzha road, there is provision in the budget.

For the Kartikapalli-Trikunnaphuzha road too, there is provision in the budget and the work is reported to have been arranged for. The first 1½ miles will be improved this year. The work on the Kayankulam-Nangiayarkulangara road has also been arranged for from the Kayankulam end. The deepening and widening of the Kudilil *thodu* is costly and hence it is not possible to take up that work.

Member.—That canal need not be deepened. If no work whatsoever is undertaken in connection with it, its condition will become dangerous.

President.—The question of providing foot-bridges across the canal will be looked into.

Your representation *re.* the Dana canal will be examined. An estimate for improving the Haripad end of the Haripad-Ilanjiyil village road is under consideration.

The line suggested by the people for the Mundattinkara *thodu* has been accepted. The representation about the opening of an approach road from the main Nangiayarkulamkara road to the Kanakakunnu village and market will be considered.

Member.—My request for help being rendered to the members of the Assembly *re* the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the institution may be noted.

President.—Yes. It is noted.

62. Means of communication in the Pattanamtitta taluk.

Mr. Utuppan Kochutuppan (Member, Pattanamtitta taluk) began by saying that the Pattanamtitta taluk was one of the most important taluks in the State in point of area and revenue, but that it was poorly served by roads. The taluk had an area of 898 square miles, while the total length of its public roads was scarcely 50 miles. He observed that the southern taluks of the State which were smaller and which yielded less revenue were much better off in that respect. He prayed that the balance might be redressed in favour of his taluk as early as possible.

In the first place the Member invited the attention of the Government to the neglected condition of the Kozhancheri-Kumpazha, the Kumpazha-Ranni, and the Ranni-Manimala roads.

Kozhancheri-Kumpazha road was the only route within the reach of the people inhabiting the area between Kozhancheri and Kumpazha. During the rainy season that road was almost impassable. The matter had already been brought to the notice of the Government and they had sanctioned the improvement of certain portions of the road. He prayed that the remaining portions of the road might also be taken up for early improvement.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly